

David Hannah house



L.H.

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1890: Jeff Sam. ...
 Right old man ...
 Glas & Sarah (left)
 all house place at Slattery
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Right Portico
 L.D. Laura
 + 2 children
 Ada + Kiki

all house place
 at Slattery



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Saturday night

Saturday
Edray, W. Va.
Jan. 14th 1893.

M. J. Luther Sharp

Dear Friend:

I will try to write a few lines in reply to your kind letter that I received Wednesday evening. I am always glad to hear from you and to hear you were well. Willie and Pa have both been sick but they are better now, Pa went to Glover Creek this morning. Miss Effie Moore is right sick, the Doctor says she has the fever, I was down to see her this evening, it snowed so, they did not want me to come home. Flora brought me home on a horse. If it keeps on snowing like it has been, it will soon

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be as deep as it was two years ago, it is almost too cold for sleighing now. I seen Mrs. Gillen going to Marlinton in a sleigh today, it would be dark before she would get home. Mr. Andy and I have not taken any sleigh ride yet, I don't think we will if we can help it, it would be nice if he would come to take some on the sleigh riding and they would go with another fellow. I don't think I will go with him again, as seeing choice. It has been right tiresome since school has closed, but I am glad it has closed, it has been so cold this week, I believe we would have frozen in that cold school house. I never did see cold weather last so long. I have not entirely laid my books aside, I didn't quite get through some of them and

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Letter from Laura Jane Morgan to L. O. Sharp Jan 14, 1893. They were married a month later on Feb. 16, 1893 at Edray Methodist Church, presumably by her father Sam. Morgan

"O, may thy life be one sweet dream,
and one bright long summer day.
And like the winter evergreen,
May it never fade away."

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was going to see you & my high hair. I
3 & took over them sometimes.

Mr. Sydenstricker was want-
ing Pa to send me to Phillips
to school, he said he would board
me for half price. Pa asked me if
I wanted to go. I told him no,
but did not say why.

I believe the people are very well
satisfied with the entertainments
Saturday night, if they are
I am. Mr. Jackson was here Thurs-
day & while I did want to had
to tell him what he said about
me, but I did not have a good chance
to tell him, he told the truth when
he said I was ugly, I did not care
for that, but as for me being "proud"
or "stuck up," it is not so.

Oh I was as handsome as he is, I
believe I would talk about other
people being ugly, and stuck
up. Oh Pa I heard he said

(4)

was much better than you were &

I received the present you sent me and appreciated it, but I would much rather you had not sent it. You must excuse this badly written and composed letter. I must close for this time. Your true and loving friend, Laura Morgan.

(5) I just wrote my letter & I
think he will go to see
Kinna, because she is the best look-
ing. Perhaps he told you so & I don't know.

You certainly were treated in a kind
Sunday night, and allowed to
get a nice photograph.

I was very much pleased
a letter from Cousin Kate Manger,
she always writes such long letters,
she writes all the news, and so
much mischief.

You will have a cold time
if you go to Westster Co. next week.

I think my ring is so nice
it is rather tight, but then
no one can get it off.

I have never taken it off since you
put it on. I would not give it
up for any one else's ring. #1

Edray, Dec'r 6. H. Va.
Oct 24th - 92

Mrs. Lillian Sharp:

Friend Friend I will

endeavor to write you a few lines
in answer to your kind letter, I
received some time ago, I would

have written sooner but was very
busy, and I thought perhaps you
should come over to the meeting.
The meeting commenced yesterday.
There was very good meeting last
night, there will be meeting every
night except Saturday night,
The meeting will last over Sun-
day, come over before it closes.
It is such nice weather
for meeting now.

You said you advised the school
teacher was afraid to send me,
I never had any occasion to send
me I am so good I would be afraid
to cut up at school. Mrs. Barlow is
not very strict but her mother is
get the lesson. I am going ~~to~~
to go all the school, I like to go
when I did.

You need not be afraid
that I will show your letters.
I will some thing that I want
to do. It is useful for me
and you not to know my
letters. I have I know you
will not, I will not tell
any thing to a close, except
the short and sad, write
because I am in a hurry.

I remain as ever your
friend. Laura Mangat.

13 of I (Saura) am able I want to go to see
 her a gain some time. it is a long
 way to go. I would love to go to
 see Aunt Sallie ^(Saura is many things worse) while she is living.
 Sennevis is better than she was.
 she can walk over here and back
 she still has a girl staying with
 her. Ada had all her layers feather
 pulled three weeks ago. she has
 had an awful time of it. she
 has an abscess on her gums she
 has lanced the place and has a
 poultice on it and the dr. wanted
 her to go in town and have
 one of the boys made up of it but
 she said she was not able
 she has had an awful bad
 cold too. she could not get
 any one to stay with her. they got
 a woman to stay a few hours
 one day. This aunt had been in
 the hospital and was much sick
 and his sister husband had
 Pneumonia so none of his people
 could help them any.

(Saura is many things worse)

Before 1928 or 1929
 Saura wrote to her
 brother Will Morgan.

Saura wrote to her brother Will - Before 1928 or 1929

4 ~~That~~ ~~who~~ who married ~~the~~
 3 ~~John~~ has not been well and
 his mind is bad. They took him
 last week to Ronceverte & the hospital
 and he came back and they say
 he is no better. he is at home.
 it is a pity for him. They have 8
 children, and they want every thing
 that is going. They want sick on
 all the children. They want the best
 that is going but never think of the
 pay. Virgie was over 5 day and
 helped clean up the stove. Joe
 is getting real frail he patters
 around. he can hardly hear.
 they are cutting timber up on the
 Jim Jackson place and have a
 saw mill close Harry Sheltons
 they have a camp there and Ella
 Gibson coaks there. I want to
 send Ruby something for her
 Birthday. I will send Edith a hand
 bag. write me when you can
 love to you all from Laura Sharp
 written to her brother W. Morgan

No mention of visit (Mem. 3-15-1897)
to Ada. Perhaps about 2 years ago
(Ada. Mem. 2-21-1894) to little under, about 1896

Willy is still working
for Mr. Pat Henry.
Willie has not been over
to see his girl for a few
days, but I think
he will go soon.
(He had right dry
weather until the other
day it rained, and has
been raining some
ever since. But onions
are beginning to come up
some now. I planted a
few Jerusalem cherry flowers
last week and they are
coming up some now.
I enabled some to decay.
Well what is Ada doing
Lewanto see her very
bad. I suppose her

kind her for my kind
don't whip her at all.
Mr. Harry Harrison and
wife are going along soon.
They have been to see
William Harrison to
a logging. He has been
clearing off his own
ground to day and is
too tired to write this
time. Well. I will close
my interesting letter
for this time by
asking you to write
soon.

Yours your sister
Miriam Morgan

Letter from Nina to her sister Laura May
(Morgan)

Letter to Ivan by his mother, Laura

March 2

(1921 ?)

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Dear Ivan:

March 2

(Seen in Buckhampton ?)

(page 1)

I received your letter and card both last night. I should have gotten of course I could do up your clothes, but the letter they might get mashed up getting to the railroad. You know they have to be carried horseback to Cloverlick and some times the mail gets wet. It is raining tonight. I came over to the store and stayed over tonight. There is some snow on the north side.

(page 2) I heard today that Cad Gilmore was arrested at Spruce for bootlegging whiskey. They were making it at Cheat Bridge and he was it on the train and selling \$500 or that's what I heard.

ed one other man and Gilmore was fined and Resa (Higgins?) were drunk. Coyner was not drunk but John (Slanker?) and Resa (Higgins?) were drunk. Hattie (McClung) said she would not have minded(?) if if John or Alfred (Higgins) had hurt him. But to have to carry a (scar ?) made by ^{with a stove stick} Resa was the limit. Resa had on her fine dress and she sat

(page 3) ^{down} ~~some~~ in the cabbage that she had for supper. People talk awful about John and Resa. Bill(who? ^{HOOPER OR GIBSON}) and Sam (Higgins?) moved the wool out of the Curtis house today so I suppose they will move.... Nannie (Higgins?) is as hot as a fox. She sent Sam over for a big box to put the things in and I was in a minute and she had three boxes in the floor. She said over there this morning she washed those little darned (horses or houses) were all burned up. I am afraid she is mean enough to burn them if she had her things out of there. She has no where to go only -(Page 4)--if where they came from. And she says she is not going there. Papa (LD) and I got an invitation to the inaugural ball at Charleston, but I don't expect we will go. ha, ha. The boys have their fishing tackle and fishing catalog. I am glad you got the "Times". Papa was around the hill and cut a lot of grafts to graft some apples in the spring. Papa wrote out a notice to take to Uncle Hugh about not selling apples on Sunday. Uncle Hugh sells honey and apples to the Bohunks They could come any day, they are so close by.

The following on different paper, but apparently to Ivan, maybe mailed at the same time --?? ^{pages 1, 2, 3 + 4, (or 5, 6, 7 + 8)}

① March 3, 1921 Well I have come over to the new house. It rained and the creek is full Sam & Bill have gone to the commissary(?) The stores have come (?) and I suppose they will have lots of ^{green & brown (husband)} ... there now... ^(teacher) Delphie has sent her draft by Cecil to Cass to have it cashed, and he has sent men ^{Phoebe} paying for her board and she has Nannie went (slugging?) out to the barn this morning where Sam was. I guess she thought Hattie might go out to see (page 2) him. Hattie never looked at him. Papa said Nannie would not speak to him this morning. The girls asked Papa about (stamp?) and he told them to go out to the house to get them... (stamps?) I reckon Nan would not let them go over. She just acts like a mad bull all the time she is a (raiding?) about a lamb of hers. Papa said he was keeping her sheep for nothing and paying Sam and Bill for looking after her sheep as well as his own. She is so mad about Luther's ma.... moving down. (page 3) Mrs. Tracy is real poorly (told) not to be afraid to die. Matilda Hoover is home now. Mrs. Hoover has a very bad cold. I am sending Creola a couple waists. She wants Violet real poorly when she wrote. Her cost nearly \$4 each. (page 4) ④ Well I have written all I know to write I will not get to write so often when the spring work comes on. Papa wants me to go to attend the store so he can sew grass seed over here. There is not many cutting tim-ber now but the Bohunks. Well I will have to close for this time. with love, Mama.

(Luther wouldn't farm & his ma's cooked) (Sam & Nannie Higgins lived in Curtis house for a while)

See Typed sheet #46

Dear Man - I rec'd
letter and Candy today
and was glad to hear of
you. The letter Dot let
did not. I of course I
could do up your clothes
but they probably got
washed up. Goldwater
the R.R. and handling
man to be carried there
back to the
and we know we can
get it. It is raining
at night & you may be
there and find out
to get. There is no
around in the

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down in the Saturday
that she had for a while
people talk awful about
Grim and Rosa.
Bill and Sam moved
the word out of the country
house to day so I can
see they will open
Naperville as fast as a hot
she sent Sam and her
a long letter to get the
things in and I was
in a minute and after
had 3 boxes - the other
she said over there was
Maggie. She brought those
little silver pieces were
all brushed up. I am
afraid to go to prison the
all to learn the
I had her then
of there. She has
me there & I can

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I heard to day that Capt
Dunmore was arrested at
Apperage for breakeing
whereby they were making
that Chest Bridges
he was bringing out
the train and feeling it
sneaked we heard they
arrested one other man
and Gilman was found
to be up there what
I heard. Cynner was
not drunk but person
and these were only
Halter and who would
not have happened
at Apperage. I
think by the apt to have
to carry a secret matter
Read was the thing
Papa had a very
address and

and where they came from
and also Apperage but
going there. Papa and I
got a message
they are at Ball at
Charleston but I don't
expect we will go. H. H.
The Apperage hall at Apperage
has a table and a table
at Apperage. I am glad
you are there.
Papa was around the
hill and sent a lot
of Apperage to Apperage
some Apperage in the Apperage
Papa wrote a report
to Apperage to Apperage
about Apperage Apperage
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Man Celebrates 88th Anniversary

SLATY FORK (RNS) — "Just keep on — keeping on" is to what I attribute my 88 years," said Luther David Sharp on his 88th birthday anniversary Friday. "Yes sir, activity is the thing that keeps us young. We would die in a short time if it were not for work," Sharp stated.

Sharp was born June 10, 1872, the son of Silas and Sara Hannah Sharp of Slaty Fork. He was educated in the schools of Pocahontas County. As a child, Sharp said he could remember that they always had three changes in the menu for breakfast, they had meat and bread; for dinner, bread and meat; and for supper they had both of them with lots of dried apples for sauce and pies.

"The world has certainly bloomed out in flower since I was a boy," Sharp said. "I can remember when there was no buggy or no automobile. When a family bought the first lamp and around here, a daughter in the family shipped it out and brought it to our house and asked us to hide it because she was afraid it would blow up and kill their whole family. All the cooking had to be done over an open fire place."

"My father was a farmer who liked to hunt and fish. I have always liked to hunt and fish, and have gotten a deer each year of my life up until two years ago," Sharp reminisced, "guess I am getting too old."

When Sharp was 15 years old he went into the store business at Slaty Fork on the old railroad. After the building of the new road, he built his present store in 1917. For 70 years he has been in the general store business. At the present time his oldest son, Luther David Sharp Jr., of Cincinnati, Ohio, owns the store and Mrs. Henry Gibson manages it for him.

Sharp married the former Miss Laura Jane Morgan and they were the parents of five living children, L. D. Sharp Jr. Ivan of Nitro; Paul of Port Netches,



LUTHER DAVID SHARP

Texas, Silas S. Sharp, at home; and Mrs. Violet Markland of Richmond, Va. After the death of his first wife, several years ago, Sharp married the former Miss Mabel Hansford of Marlinton.



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A. S. OVERHOLT, P. M.

Farm For Sale.

About 385 acres, fine grazing, farming and fruit land. Some timber and an excellent orchard of improved trees. This land is so situated that there has never been a fruit failure. Good house, two barns, well watered, in good community. About five miles from depot, most of the distance being Macadam road. Address, Times Office, Marlinton, W. Va.

FOR SALE:—A small grist mill known as Griffin mill on Big Spring of Elk. Good water power all the year round. About 1 1-2 acres of land, with small dwelling. For further particulars apply to S. C. Galford, Slaty Fork, W. Va.

Notice to Confederates.

The meeting of Moffett Page Camp of Confederate Veterans is called to meet at the Times Office in Marlinton on Saturday, April 9 for the purpose of electing officers, appointing delegates to the Reunion at Mobile, and transacting any other business that may come before the Camp. A good attendance is desired.

LEVI WAUGH, Commander.
E. D. KING, Adjutant.

Contractors Wanted.

We will let to contract the cutting of twenty thousand cords of pulp wood this season. As big a contract as you can handle can be secured. Apply at once to WILLIAMS & PARIS, 1st National Bank Building, Marlinton, W. Va.

Ed. White from Fla. 1925

Pocahontas

3-26-1925

MARLINTON, POCAHONTAS COUNTY WEST VIR.

\$1.00 A Year

Jan 1, 1914 YELK

Mrs. Carrie H. Dilley, of Dilley's Mill, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Birdie O. Dilley, the past two months, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGuire's little boy continues to improve.

Charles Galford has gone to Marlinton where he has opened a jewelry repair shop.

The directors of the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Company met Saturday. The officers are L. D. Sharp, president; S. Mc Dilley, vice-president and general manager; J. D. Gibson, secretary and treasurer. The most important business transacted was the cutting out of free phones after January 1; the extending of the short line wire down Elk wherever the extension of the company's business justifies it; the cooperation of the different mutual companies entering the Marlinton switchboard will be asked in order to install two phones, one in the C. & O. station and the other in the freight office.

The W. Va. Pulp & Paper Co. have scheduled a daily passenger, (Sundays excepted) from Cass to the commissary near Slaty Fork, beginning January 1. The train will leave Cass in early morning, returning in time to connect at noon with the up C. & O. train. This will be the main line to Webster Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gibson were Marlinton visitors, Friday.

James Gibson got tired of skinning his shins handling backlogs and foresticks and has now installed steam heat in his house.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Loan are spending the holidays at Millboro, Virginia.

Bina Moss and Earl Gibson are visiting at Howardsville, Va.

Joe Buzzard was on Elk this week contracting for lambs for next fall.

Married, at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. C. H. Anderson, December 25, 1913, Clarence Blakeslee and Miss Glenna Sharp. The bride is the eldest daughter of John Blakeslee and a very promising lady.

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FROM FLORIDA

We have taken our east coast tour, and on arrival back to our home in Orlando, will give you a part of our experience. The first day we went through Cocoa City, Indian River City and several small towns and reached Melbourne City at about the right time to pitch our tent. We were directed to the tourist camp and found it to be the best camp we have seen on the east coast. And as my son and I are fond of fishing we enquired where we could go fishing that night and were told that the best place to fish in all the country was off the Indian River bridge. The bridge is two miles long. We got flashlights, hooks and lines and pulled out for the fish market to get shrimp for bait and found that they did not have any, so we went to the grocery and bought some meat rind. When we got to the bridge and were telling the fishermen about our bad luck in not being able to get shrimp. They said "you did not need any bait, we are all fishing with a small piece of white rag." I thought they were kidding me, but soon saw that they were actually catching them thick and fast with the white rag and hook. One man had a small piece of oil cloth on his hook and they used it just as we use an artificial fly in West Virginia. We had heavy sinkers on our lines and continued to fish with the meat rind until my son caught a trout, and took one of its gills and in a short time we caught all we could eat for breakfast. I never saw so many fish caught in so short a time in all my life. Some had fifty or more nice trout, and there must have been 200 people fishing and all were catching fish. One man told me that he had caught 700 trout the night before on a hook that was run through a piece of his white handkerchief. Ask Dick Smith if he can beat that man's fish story.

The next day we pulled straight ahead for Palm Beach and we reached the ocean in time to go out on the great long pier and catch a mess of fish for breakfast. Then we drove around among the beautiful palm trees and flowers and looked at all beautiful scenery on Palm Beach. Then we drove over to West Palm Beach to the tourist's camp, and instead of finding the camp among the fine cocoanut and palm trees we found it located where there were but few shade trees, and the tourists were not very well pleased with the camp, but we made it all right.

The next day we drove down to Hollywood and pitched our tent so camp over Sunday. This city has been building only four years and

in bathing. We drove out to Coral Gables where so many rich men are spending their money in lots and fine buildings. It is no place for a poor man. Miami is getting pretty well up with Chicago for crime. We found some tourists who were afraid to go to Miami on account of so much robbing and so many murders in the last year. That was one reason why Sharp camped outside of Miami.

We took another shoot out from Miami and went down the east coast as far as the road is cut out. The first city of any size below Miami was Homestead. We went on below Florida City along way down until we found no more road. There is a vast rich country and there are thousands of acres of tomatoes, and as the old saying is "I never saw tomatoes before." I did not see anybody but negroes living between these cities, and the negroes had many boxes of tomatoes along the road to sell to tourists. We bought the finest tomatoes I ever saw for two cents per pound; that was all they asked for them. There are many tomato packing houses and the packers no doubt are buying tomatoes from the negroes for a song and they are shipping them up north and making a fortune on them.

Florida is not considered much for corn, but I never saw better corn grow any place than in one section down near the jumping off place. The corn looked to be much higher than a man's head—probably ten or twelve feet high—and such a dark green color that the land must be very rich.

We went out to a Seminole Indian village. There were about fifty Indians there. Some of them work in the packing house. We parked our car by the roadside and walked out to the Indian camps among the jungles, and when I saw the Indians sitting flat on the ground in squads and looking so strange at us, it very near got my nerve. I tried to get them to talk, but they would only say yes and no. They were cooking out on the ground and we could tell the meat they were cooking was more than ripe—anyway we did not stay for dinner. The children about six years old and under had no clothes on. The Indians were all barefooted but the older ones had on clothes of many colors. While we were at this village a very large swarm of bees passed over us and looked as if they were going to settle on a pine tree, but they slowly moved on. I suppose the Indians have plenty of honey to eat. It looks bad that our government does not educate the Seminoles. I am told they are getting fewer all the time.

The State is building a new road

that short time. They are now making artificial lakes. They think the northern people like lakes, so they are spending many thousands of dollars making them. The main street must be over 100 feet wide and the city runs out to the ocean front. In a few years Hollywood will be one of the big cities on the map.

As it is only eighteen miles to Miami, we decided to run down to see in William Jennings Bryan's Sunday school class. We were told that he teaches the largest men's class in the United States—5000 men. He teaches his class out in the Miami Park. But owing to being held back by the traffic we did not get to the park until he had closed, so we thought we would go to the first church we could find for preaching, which was a Presbyterian church. After preaching I was told that Mr. Bryan and his wife were in the congregation, so I hunted him up and had a short talk with him on prohibition, and while we differ in politics, we are together on prohibition. Mrs. Bryan has to be wheeled about in a chair. She is unable to raise her hands. Mr. Bryan said she was not paralyzed but it was worse than being paralyzed as she suffered such great pain. She has been helpless for six years. They live in a fine mansion in Miami but of course Mrs. Bryan cannot enjoy it, so the poorest person with good health has the greatest blessing. Let us be thankful for our health while we have it.

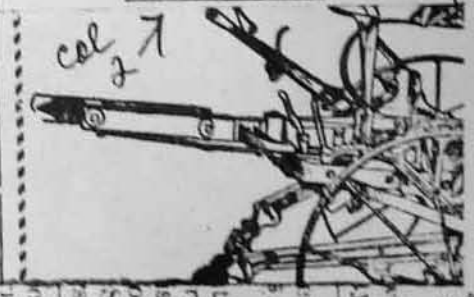
Sunday afternoon we drove a distance of probably five miles across bridge to the Miami Beach. We could hardly get there and we could hardly get back. There were many thousands of cars going over and coming back and we would hardly get started until the city cop would stop the long double line of cars. We must have been one hour going that five miles to the beach. It looked to me like there were 100,000 people on the beach and there were thousands

and while we were driving after tea to make up lost time, at about ten o'clock as we were driving through a jungle section we saw three alligators cross the road in front of us. About an hour later while we were a long way from any town, three men were standing by the road; one of them stepped out in the road and waved us to stop and kept on waving—we could see him from the light of the car. Not a word was spoken in our car, but my son had presence of mind and threw on all the gas he could. We were going at about 25 miles an hour, and we must have passed by them at 35 miles or more per hour. We don't know what their business was; they had no broken down car there, and as there had been so many people held up and robbed around Miami, I believe they were robbers, but they had no way to stop us unless they killed the driver, and we went so fast that it would have taken a Jesse James to have gotten him.

We drove on our tour down and back to Orlando about eight hundred miles. We found everything all right in our bungalow, and we are renting our property and getting ready to to start back to West Virginia in a few days. We are getting anxious to see our old friends. James White wrote us he would stop to see us on his way home but I suppose he lost directions and could not find us. We hope he reached home safely.

We expect to stop off with our daughter at Richmond for one day and will run over to Baltimore, and make a short call at Washington, probably one day, then we will proceed homeward. The tourists are going north very fast—so much so that you can't get a Pullman without engaging it a few weeks ahead.

L. D. Sharp.



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WARM SPRINGS, VA.

Quite a number of our town people attended the Sunday school convention which was held at Millboro last Tuesday and Wednesday. They report a large crowd and an enjoyable time.

Mrs. Walter Ricks of Covington visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. LaRue, the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gum and little son John E., spent last Sunday with Mrs. Gum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Rimel.

W. J. Pritchard of Frost, spent a week with his family here and returned to Frost last Wednesday.

Miss Willie Vines spent last Wednesday night with her friend Miss Annie Lupton Campbell.

Sam Mann of Augusta county, was the guest of friends here last week.

Mrs. D. B. Agner and grandson William Snider returned from several days visit to Mrs. Agner's daughter, Mrs. Allison, who lives in Covington.

Howard Campbell returned Saturday from Dayton where he attended school the past winter.

SLATY FORK

Very dry now and rain much needed.

W. T. Morgan has gotten an automobile.

L. D. Sharp and Miss Mariam Morgan were in Marlinton Friday night.

Miss Gladys Baughman is visiting her grandfather, Shell Hannah Sam Moore passed through this part last week.

Miss Violet Sharp has returned home from Marlinton where she had been attending High School.

Miss Elizabeth Roads, of Ohio, who taught in the Marlinton High School the past winter, is spending a few days at L. D. Sharp's.

Rev. Mr. Coffman preached to a large congregation last Sunday afternoon.

The railroad is being pushed on down the river. They are running trains both day and night.

Shearing sheep is the order of the day here.

Miss Ada Sharp is expected home the first of June from Boston, Mass., where she has been attending Conservatory.

LOBELIA

Weather fine; hot days, cool nights and is getting very dry. Corn is coming well.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure

The only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar NO ALUM, NO LIME PHOSPHATE

Notice, Contractors

IN THE MATTER OF BIDS IN CONSTRUCTION OF 258 RODS OF ROAD IN THE HUNTERSVILLE DISTRICT

Bids will be received by the County Court until noon, June 23rd, 1914, for construction of 258 rods of road in Huntersville district, near J. H. Buzzard's being a relocation of the Hill road in the direction of Brown's Creek located by J. H. Kramer, said road to be 14 feet wide, and to be built according to specifications in lands of Hevener Dilley, Road Superintendent and approved by him. One-half in length of said road to be built in the present year, and completed by Dec. 1st, 1914, the remaining half in the following year, 1915. This arrangement to permit of the financing of this road without unduly burdening the road fund of the Huntersville district.

(C. J. McCARTY, Clerk.)

Commissioner's Notice

Pursuant to a decree entered by the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia at the April term of said Court in the Chancery cause of Charles Eriel vs Ira Shinnberry. Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that as required by the said decree, I will proceed at my office in the town of Marlinton, West Virginia on Tuesday the 14th day of July 1914 to take state and report to the Court the following matters of account, to-wit:

First. A complete statement showing the liens and their priorities against the lands of the defendant.

Second. What lands the defendant owns in this Jurisdiction and a description of the same.

Third. Whether the said real estate will in five years rent for a sum sufficient to pay off and discharge the liens thereon.

Fourth. Any other matter deemed pertinent by the commissioner or required by any party in interest.

(S. H. SHARP, Commissioner in Chancery.)

NOTICE TO LIEN HOLDERS

To all persons holding liens by judgment or otherwise on the real estate or any part thereof of Ira Shinnberry.

In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR COUNTY COURT CLERK

To the Voters of Pocahontas county I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Clerk of Pocahontas county and promise if elected to serve the people of this county to the best of my skill and judgment. As you know I have had many years experience in this work and I would be glad to take it up again.

Respectfully,
(S. L. BROWN.)

FOR CIRCUIT CLERK

To the voters of Pocahontas County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for the office of Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in nominating candidates.

As I am engaged in school work now and will be for some time, it will not be possible for me to see all the voters of the county, so I shall ask you through the columns of this paper for your support and influence.

C. FORREST HULL.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County, subject to the action of the Democratic Party.

Geo. D. Oliver.

Cass, W. Va., Feb. 23, 1914

We are authorized to announce M. Lacy Johnston as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR COMMISSIONER

We are authorized to announce J. S. McNeel as a candidate for Commissioner of the County Court, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

of the County Court

To the Voters of Pocahontas County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Superintendent of Schools of Pocahontas County, subject to the action of the Democratic Party's way of nominating. I promise, if nominated and elected to serve the people.

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J. E. Buckley,
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Co. vs Dorsey Freeman judgment
\$308.59.
State vs Pete Snyder, forfeiture on
bail bond.
Bank of Marlinton vs R. R. Snede-
gar and others, judgment \$1698.81.
State vs Lee Vint, not guilty.
State vs John Milam, guilty, sen-
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Pistol license granted Paris D
Yeager and Park McNeill.
State vs Roy Houchlin, verdict
guilty of murder in second degree.
State vs Ira Vandevender, confes-
sed, \$300 fine six months in jail.
State vs Matus Hobconic, guilty,
two years in pen.
State vs John Rose, guilty, \$150
and costs.
State vs E. D. Burner, \$50 and six
months in jail, charge carrying a
pistol. Bail pending application for
writ of error.
State vs J. W. Shillett, guilty, \$100
fine sixty days in jail.
State vs C. P. Hamrick, No. 1 & 2
quashed.
State vs C. P. Hamrick, not guilty

inferred from the evidence in this
case that you brothers had been en-
gaged in making moonshine liquor
and that on the night preceding the
murder of George Huffman you had
a part of your whiskey stolen and we
may gather from the evidence that
you accused George Huffman and
another of having taken your whis-
key. In this you may be correct,
yet even this being true it gave you
no license to commit murder. The
penalty in this case is severe, yet it
is only commensurate with the crime
that has been committed. I doubt
not that the criminal annals of this
county does not show a more delib-
erate killing as has been narrated by
the witnesses in this case. As a lesson
"This certainly should be a lesson
to others who may be engaged in the
business of making moonshine whis-
key that the day of settlement will final-
ly come, and should be enough to
turn all those similarly engaged, to
the paths of lawful pursuits."—
West Virginia News.

THORNY CREEK

Quite an excitement was created
in this section last Friday when an
insane man was taken into custody
by John Perry, W. F. Harmon and
Summers Hoover. He gave his name
as Walter I. Carnex and said he

N. B. Kroeger, who said he
W. Goodsell's over Sunday.
Wm Widney, superintendent of
the Pocahontas Tanning Company,
is making some changes in the tan-
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SLATYFORK
Grass is growing fine and it looks
like summer was not far off.

We are expecting Professor J. H.
Hall, one of the world's best music
teachers, to teach singing school for
us this summer. Everyone near
should take advantage of this great
opportunity to study music.

L. D. Sharp has been working hard
getting up petitions to re-establish a
mail route from Slatyfork to Edray.
Many years ago the people of Elk
had daily mail, but now have no
mail at all for a distance of twelve
miles. Well to do farmers and heavy
taxpayers live here, and during the
war were heavy subscribers of Gov-
ernment bonds and War Saving
Stamps, and yet they have been de-
nied any mail service, we hope that
this very important route will soon
be established. Let us pull together.
There is but one road from the main
road down to the Slatyfork office.
The mail has been carried several
years from Linwood to Slatyfork.

Our Sunday School is progressing
nicely. We think the Sunday school
should not close for the winter.
Since we have had a few years of
evergreen Sunday School we find it
the thing. Our attendance has been
good all winter and last Sunday the
house was full, with not a vacant
seat left.

There has been a lot of moonshin-
ing going on on Elk. Some men are
too lazy to work and so they make
the stuff to rob men of their money,
minds and health. The moonshiner
must quit his dishonest business or
soon be rounded up.

son, in the Chicago Daily News.
SLATYFORK
Charley Craddock, Engineer on the
G. C. & E. Ry., was painfully injured
by being hit across the stomach by a
log while working on a wreck. He
was taken to the hospital at Ronca-
verte, where he is getting along nicely.
Russell Dilley has sold his Ford
car and purchased a new Maxwell.
Miss Creola Sharp, who is attend-
ing high school at Marlinton, spent
Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr.
and Mrs. L. D. Sharp.
Our school is progressing nicely
with Glen Barlow as teacher.
Oliver Painter, Lee Burner and
Russell Dilley are building a garage
in partnership.

Mrs. G. Craddock, who is in the hospi-
tal with her husband, Charlie
Craddock, who is in the hospital.

Earl and Irene Bryant, who are at-
tending high school at Marlinton,
spent Thanksgiving with their par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bryant.

Senator Hefflin (Dem., Ala.) made
this prophetic declaration in a tell-
ing speech against the whitewash-
ing of Senator Newberry:

"The way Senators voted on a
question like this resulted in the re-
sultment of some of them as the Sen-
ators."

I am herewith enclosing you a few
lines suggested to me by a conversa-
tion I heard on one of our streets last
Sunday afternoon between a minister
of the Gospel and a couple of our lo-
cal attorneys. J. M. MEADOR.
Clinton, W. Va.

What boots it if,
Within the pulsing womb of time,
A thousand thousand years
Man passed from stage to stage;
Or if, at God's command,
With single bound
He leaped from Mother Earth
A Man?
To Him who gave us life
A thousand years is as a single day.
His handiwork shows purpose and de-
sign.
I question not His wisdom, mode or
plan;
Nor hath the Record said
He breathed in him the Breath of
Life
And Man became a Living Soul,
Before he was a Man!

Science hath not shown
The Sun to change his course
In all the years;
Nor whence Orion's bands,
Polaris guided mariners of old,
And points the North today.
The Pleiades we view with raptured
gaze,
The Shepherds saw and Poets sang
On old Judea's hills.
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War Recollections.

THE FIGHT ON ELK.

① Company F. 19th Vt. Cavalry was organized at Millpoint, Poonahontas county, December, 1862. A few days after we organized and before we received our arms, one of our company, Frank McKeever, deserted and went to Beverly and told the Yanks that we were in camp at Millpoint without arms and how nice it would be to capture the company. So some two or three hundred soldiers set out from Beverly to take us in. But a day or two after McKeever deserted we got our arms and had gone over in the upper end of Greenbrier county to try and capture a bushwhacker by the name of McMillion, and had been on the march the greater part of the night without meeting up with McMillion, and stopped in the after part of the night in Renicks Valley to get a little sleep and feed our horses. That night a snow fell about 11 inches deep. After we got something to eat, we saddled up and started on our return to camp.

When we reached the Top of Droop Mountain some one met us and told of the Yankees being in the Levels and had captured our quarters and one or two of the company who had been left in camp and burnt all the feed and provisions we had. So when we arrived in the Levels we were without shelter, feed or anything to eat. We scattered out among the farmers, got something to eat, and organized for a dash after the Yanks to try to even up with them for what they had done for us in our absence. I think we had about sixty men. Some of Capt. Marshall's company fell in with us after we started on our rail, and proved to be of great help. Lieut. Price took the advance with Will Pease, Geo. W. Jackson, Joseph Hull and Henry Sharp with him, expecting to

When Capt. McNeel found that he could not open the door he gave it a kick and asked them to surrender. The Yankee Lieut. in command answered him by saying, "Surrender, no, never," and they commenced shooting through the doors and windows and we replied in the same way. A Yankee by the name of McWhorter, from Jane Lew, was shot and killed as he made the attempt to get out of his bed, and another Yankee was killed in the room. By that time the Yankee Lieut. cried out, "I surrender."

Capt. McNeel answered, "I asked you to surrender and you wouldn't, let them have it, boys."

Then he said, "I surrender with up-lifted hands."

Capt. McNeel then gave the command to cease firing, and we crowded in the house, and while we were in the house Walt Allen jumped from an upstairs window and made his escape. Well enough he did, I guess, for it is hard to tell what might have been his fate had we gotten him.

All the boys did not know that Lieut. Price and his squad were down the road and some of them mistook them for Yanks and fired on them, killing Henry Sharp, which cast a gloom over our victory. We captured eighteen Yankees with their horses and arms—all of which we needed in our business. So we evened up pretty well for what they had done to us.

Frost

Plowing and sugar making is the order of the day.

J. W. Jackson moved to Frost last week. We are glad to see him back again.

B. B. Williams, of Cass, was around last week shaking hands with his many friends.

Geo. B. Ryder, of Highland county, was in this community

ton or Edray, but not if them at either place we told them to Elk. When we go where the road left the pike to William Moore's, Lieut. noticed that some had taken road and had not returned. waited there for the company come up and when it got there called for volunteers to go him to Mr. Moore's and as nearly frozen, and we were make the trip a-foot, I dismounted to make the trip, thinking it was my bravery that caused me to but just simply to keep from lying. Well we were soon at Moore's and surrounded the Lieut. and Lieut. Price called to Moore and asked him if he any one stopping with him for night. He said, "Yes, there a couple gentlemen stopping him." He told Mr. Moore wished to see them, and we and brought the gentlemen which proved to be two Y. We went to the stable and their horses put the Yanks on string and started back. Of the Yanks was Sargeant M the other a high private, I believe. When we got back to the house was good and warm. We set two prisoners back toward J and then Lieut. Price and his advance started on to Gib. When we got to the Moffett we all dismounted, hitched horses to the fence by the and Lieut. Price and his went on in front. When we to Polly Gibson's, Lieut. Price and his men passed by went on down the road to just beyond the house. The of the command surrounded house. The Yankee picket had been on duty had gone the house and was trying to some one to go out and take place; so there was no pick duty when we got there. arms were stacked in one of the rooms. We thought would open the door and run over the Yanks as they lay on floor. Capt. McNeel tried open the door but it had been used and a bed set against it.

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THE POCAHONTAS TIMES

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CALVIN W. PRICE, Editor.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1926

Hearken unto the battle of Duncan's Lane. The story of that battle has never been printed before. It is ignored by all histories of the war. Until late years it was not a subject of frank and open discussion by the people of this county. Time cures all things. There are still living a number of men who participated in that fight, and I have talked with men on both sides recently and after so long a time this historic event which had been so nebulous came out clear and distinct and I will endeavor to state the case.

At the West Union school house at the foot of the mountain, on the road that leads to the Williams River country, in 1864, lived Henry Duncan, in a double log house on the headwaters of Stony Creek. The house was opposite the mouth of a draw or hollow leading off at right angles toward the south, and up that hollow lived William Beverage about a quarter of a mile distant. A pass-way was used up that hollow to reach the Griffin place, and the homes of people living on Days Mountain, and on over to the headwaters of Dry Run, a branch of Swazo Creek. Part of the passway between the Duncan place and the Beverage place was fenced on both sides in 1864 as a lane. It was this lane that gave the name to the battle.

The State was formed in 1863, and in the early part of 1864 a regiment of state guards was formed at Buckhannon, and of this regiment Pocahontas county furnished one company, captained at times by Captain Sam Young, a minister, and later by Captain I. W. Allen. Captain Young preached at the sulphur spring on Stony Creek, (Ellis Sharp's) on May 2, 1864, and made an appointment to preach there again in forty years after. A great concourse of people gathered there in 1894 to keep the appointment, but the captain was

the northern soldiers. Upon a council of war it was decided to take to the mountain and make a detour in the direction of Williams River in such a way that cavalry could not follow them. They realized that they were a small company of men in a country that was hostile to them, and that they might be killed by an ambushed force at any minute.

It turned out afterwards that the soldier at the bridge was not a sentinel, but was a deserter who was making his getaway to Buckhannon, where they saw him a short time after.

The little army turned up Price Run and from there climbed Bucks Mountain through the grass lands until they reached the fringe of trees near the top, and there they took some cold food from their haversacks and lay down to sleep without any fire whatever.

They were stirring before daylight and marched to the head of Dry Run and called at the house of Peter Beverage, a Union man, and there got something to eat, and then proceeded by the way of the Griffin Place, to William Beverage's place. Williams Beverage was a brother of Peter Beverage, but was a Confederate in sympathy, but was a non combatant.

Here there were bees, and the little army, feeling safe from possible pursuit, commandeered a bee gum or hive full of honey. It was the first week of November and the hive was heavy with honey. The soldiers made the farmer give them buckets and they proceeded to fill the buckets with honey, preparing for a mid-day feed.

In the meantime, the Confederates had been laying plans to capture the Union soldiers sent here in such a small force to beard the lion in his den. Captain J. C. Gay, holding a commission as captain under the Confederacy, with authority to guard the border was the ranking officer in this emergency, he augmented his force by summoning to his headquarters at his home at the mouth of Stony Creek, all southern soldiers who were at home on furloughs, and his command was made up of about half scouts and half soldiers on furlough.

Godfrey Gelger says that he and his brother Adam Gelger were called

John Armstrong, Moffett Walton, John E. Addison, William Kinnison, James L. Rodgers, received serious wounds. Moffett Sharp, shot in the mouth.

J. R. Moore, who was under fire from the first, says that no one was hit at the first fire, that is the firing that occurred while the Union soldiers were getting the honey for lunch in William Beverage's yard. I think this is correct. I think Bern-ard Sharp was hit in the hips with a mountain rifle ball while he stood behind a tree, returning the fire of the Confederates. He was a fine, tall slim young man, and his untimely death was greatly regretted.

The wounded soldiers were taken to a cave near James McClure's, under the shadow of Red Knob, and concealed, and they were treated with great kindness and consideration by the McClure family.

There was no one hit on the Confederate side. The Confederates turned back at Henry Duncan's and they took from his farm a bee gum and bees which they carried to William Beverage to replace the one that he had lost to the Union army. There seems to have been no cause for this other than Duncan was for the Union, and Beverage was for the Confederacy.

I have talked with Register Moore and Peter McCarty, soldiers of the Union, on one side, and Godfrey Gelger, soldier on the Confederate side. Godfrey Gelger was in some of the biggest fighting of the war. George McCollam was eight years old and he has a vivid recollection of the soldiers returning from the battlefield, shouting and victorious. He was at his Aunt Ruth Kee's on Bucks Mountain; George M. Kee, a wounded Confederate soldier being at home.

It is probably impossible for complete lists of the soldiers to be obtained at this late day and time, and the names here given are those furnished by survivors of the affair.

Union soldiers: Captain Samuel Young, Captain I. W. Allen, Lieut. Wm. Kinnison, Corporal John Armstrong, William Hannan, William Gay, George Cochran, Clark Dilley of Ewings Battery, Jeremy Dilley, Sheldon Hannah, Clark Keelson, Newton Wanless, Moffett Wanless, James L.

This has been destroyed

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Death of Bernard Sharp (North)

The seems measur for ser and b April organ ger ze May, Army c, Virginia, lars stationed in the m were called, were on th port to Gen. Hunter a a movement against Ly ginia, and from that the war at Appomatox, West Virginia, fought side of the mountain, ception of a detour on Salem to Martinsbur Lewisburg and Cha June 29, 1864, to July policy of West Virgin year of the war was gi state guards, and I have not been given their courage and fide ency. In peace they see forgotten, and their ignored. They have n as well as Confederat most of the souther taken very good ear southern veterans. The home guard m

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The dauntless Averell and his mounted infantry, like a thorn in the flesh and a ranking fire to the Confederates, had conquered and subdued West Virginia for the Union. He was ignominiously discharged in September 1864. The county of Pocahontas in the fall of 1864 was controlled by the Confederacy. It was determined however by the West Virginia authorities to hold an election for President in this county, and arrangements were made to open the polls at Edray. And the Pocahontas county state guards company was detailed to bring that election off. They marched on foot from Heverly to Edray, a distance of fifty-four miles, coming in by the way of Elk River, and arriving a day or two before election. It was recognized that it was a dangerous expedition, sending one company into Pocahontas county.

The company camped near the headwaters of Elk on the way in, and one of the soldiers, Washington Neff, obtained leave of absence to visit his wife who was stopping at William Gibson's. Here he was captured by a squad belonging to Captain J. C. Gay's company of Confederate scouts, and was taken as a prisoner to the headquarters of that company, at the farm of Samuel Gay just above the mouth of Stony Creek. That night in attempting to escape, Neff was shot and killed. The prisoner had laid out Private Bennett with a stone and had been shot as he fled near the ford in Stony Creek.

This word had reached the company at Edray. Captain Sam Young was in command. Capt. I. W. Allen was there too. Nearly every member of the company was a Pocahontas man. Already apprehensive of the danger of being in the heart of a Confederate county, the death of Neff must have impressed them with the dangers of their position. The polls were opened under the oaks standing in front of the William Sharp house, near the big spring. The soldiers all voted irrespective of age and a number of citizens of the vicinity, and the vote was solid for Abraham Lincoln for president.

Aaron Moore was chosen as the messenger to take the vote into the northwestern part of the State, where the existence of the government of West Virginia was recognized, and the company of soldiers prepared to act as his guard. William Hannah was one of the commissioners of election but he had the uniform of a soldier. It was decided not to attempt to return by the pike to Heverly, the road now called Seneca Trail. The return was to be made by crossing the river at Martins Bottom, by Huntersville, and the Hill country, by Dunmore and Greenbank to the Staunton and Parkersburg pike at Travelers Repose and across Cheat Mountain. The company marched four miles south to Marlinton and when they came in sight of the bridge they saw a Confederate soldier at the end of the bridge on horseback. This soldier saw the Union soldiers at the same time and whirled his horse and galloped back through the bridge. This was construed to mean that he was a picket and that he had gone to notify southern cavalry of the advance of

was not a case that was discussed freely in the olden days. It was only when the story of this battle was about to be best to history that I gathered some of the salient facts in connection with it, and fortunately I was able to talk to soldiers who had been in it.

As a battle it does not rank high in the national issue to be decided other than it had a direct bearing on the election of Lincoln the second time. If he had been defeated, it would have been a long farewell to the greatness of America. But it was not in the plan of Providence for him to fail.

As a part of the travail of West Virginia in her birth throes such contests as these, occurring in the border counties, are of the greatest importance.

I have never been able to understand the first fire, Bernard Sharp, of the Union army, a son of William Sharp, of Elk, and a brother of Silas, Harmon, and Hugh Sharp, fell mortally wounded. He was shot through both hips. Godfrey Gelger says that he was carrying an army gun called a musketoon, which took a paper cartridge. That he went into the fight with three charges and that he would have been out of the battle but for the fact that he got a supply of cartridges from the battlefield after the first volley, the Union ammunition just gutting his gun. Godfrey Gelger says that his was a long range gun, and that he saw Captain Young in the passage way between the two parts of the Duncan house and that he shot at him. That Captain Young told him afterwards that the ball cut away his clothes across his chest. The bullet was recovered after the war from the log where it had lodged.

The two little armies having taken shelter continued to fire at each other for something like an hour and a half, and neither side making a charge, the Union soldiers gradually withdrew and made their way by little squads to the original rendezvous at Heverly taking with them the result of the election.

When it became apparent that the Union army had retired from the place, the Confederates went on down the lane, and came on Bernard Sharp, and carried him to Henry Duncan's house. It was apparent that he was near death, but they sent for a doctor and did what they could for him, but he expired in a few hours.

The Union soldiers wounded were

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As a part of the travail of West Virginia in her birth throes such contests as these, occurring in the border counties, are of the greatest importance.

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OAK CREST FOU Millpoint, W. Va.

YELK

Harvesting if still the order of the day here. Some are through while others are still making hay.

The Italians have left this section of railroad and gone to Cheat River.

Page Hannah, of Staunton, is visiting his father, S. D. Hannah.

Miss Ada Sharp will go to Buckhannon to attend the Wesleyan College this winter.

Forrest Gibson and Misses Allie and Mary Gibson attended the camp meeting at Denmar Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. S. A. Jackson, who has been on the sick list for sometime, is improving.

James Hannah and daughter, Miss Eula are visiting at J. E. and S. D. Hannah's.

There was preaching here Sunday by Rev. Weiford.

Henry Shearer and wife were visiting at Robert Gibson's Sunday.

Little Jimmie Hannah, whose hand was hurt in a hay fork last week, is improving very slowly.

Mrs. Kennie Dilley is improving slowly.

Mrs. Caroline Hoover and son and daughter were guests at Wm. Varner's, Sunday.

Henry Shaver and wife of M are at G. L. Hannah's.

We understand the schools on Elk will begin the 16th of this month.

Odes Gibson and family at Elk now.

On Sunday night and Monday morning a terrible storm visited the Panhandle section of this state. At least thirty people lost their lives. The property loss is very heavy.

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year of the war was given over to the
state guards, and I feel that they
have not been given due credit for
their courage and fidelity and effi-
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JUNE 17



CHARM OF A COUNTRY STORE

If you are passing through Slaty Fork in Pocahontas County, you might want to stop at the Esso Station and gas up for an excuse to have a gander at the store. It is owned by Luther David Sharp and he is trying to retain the quaint charm of an old-time grocery store. As long as he possibly can he wants it to look about the way it did when his father with the same first and second name started the store in 1925. The elderly Mr. Sharp died a couple of years ago at the age of 91. The present owner lives in Cincinnati where he is in the retail jewelry business and leaves the Slaty Fork managing to Eunice Gibson. She'll be happy to show you the store and the few mounted specimens of wild life that are there.

The senior Sharp left three other boys and a girl. They are Ivan of Nitro, Si of Slaty Fork, Paul of Port Neches, Texas, and Vi Markland of Richmond, Virginia.

"Hillbilly", Richwood, W. Va. Sept 25 1965

CHURCH NOTES

LINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Harvey H. Orr, Pastor.
School 9:45
p m Junior Christian Endeavor
p m Senior Christian Endeavor
Annual Childrens' Day service;
dress by Rev. Dwight Winn, of

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A telegram was received day, announcing the death of dore Moore at his home in City, Kansas, on June 10, age was about 80 years. ed was a brother of M. Auldridge, of Indian Dr the late Aaron Moore, of His parents were the late

I The Children of William Sharp (1740-1833) and
His Wife Mary Meeks

THEIR SONS

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THEIR DAUGHTERS

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James - - Married Ann Waddell, 4-28-1800

John - - " Sally McCollam 8-27-1804

* Andrew - - " Nancy Drinnan 1-18-1806

William Jr. " Elizabeth Waddell 9-29- 1798

* No record of Andrew except
his marriage bond and mention
in his fathers will.

Nancy- Married Levi MOORE 1-21-97
Mary " Arthur Grimes 1-21-97
Rachel " Jonathen Griffin 8-12-1806
Peggy " Francis Wilson 5-14-1811
Rebecca " Alexander Waddell 12-25-
1816

Jane " McCollam
Margaret " Kelley

II The Children of William Sharp Jr. (1772-1860) and his
Wife Elizabeth Waddell

Their Sons

James Sharp - Married Althea Martin

Alexander Sharp " Mary Dilley

Jacob Warwick Sharp " Elizabeth McNeel

* William Sharp 3rd. " Rachel Dilley

* John Sharp " Sally Johnson

Their Daughters

Mary married David Gibson
Elizabeth " Hugh McGlaughlin
Martha " Andrew Dilley
Ann married Alexander Stalnaker
Ellen " Warwick "
Jane " James Hanson
Rebecca " Wm. D. Moore
Nancy " Jacob Cassell

* Dave Sharp volunteered to write
Family History of William 3rd

* Charles H. Sharp volunteered to
write Family History of John Sharp

by — "Ward Sharp"

WILLIAM SHARP SR.
1740-1833

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM SHARP SR. LEST WE FORGET.

The footprints of the name of Sharp have been indelibly imprinted on this land before the Revolution and most certainly before there was a Pocahontas County. This is a small attempt to trace some of these footprints that have traversed these lands for a period of over two hundred years. They have their beginnings in one pioneer by the name of William Sharp Sr. The underlined names show the line of descent from the pioneer to the writer. Each spouse is shown in parenthesis.

William Sharp ¹⁷⁴⁰⁻¹⁸³³ Sr. was the pioneer settler of the Huntersville vicinity and was the first to open up a permanent residence. It was located a few rods from the forks of the Dunmore and Huntersville road. Mr. Sharp located here about 1773. He saw service as a scout, spy and soldier against the Indians and the British. His affidavit made in 1832 indicates four short tours of service totaling more than two years and six months. These include an expedition against the Indians on the Muskingham River in the fall of 1764 to March 1765; service as an Indian spy during the summer of 1773 and summer of 1774; served as a scout and messenger from the summer of 1774 to December 1774; drafted early January 1781 and was in a skirmish against the British at Portsmouth, Va. where he was discharged in April 1781.

The nature of his services as an Indian spy was to guard Warwicks Fort situated on the headwaters of the Greenbrier River, to traverse the surrounding mountains and to watch the gaps and passes for Indians coming towards the settlements. Later he continued to guard the settlement forming on the Greenbrier River, reconnoitering the country between the headwaters of the Greenbrier, Tygarts Valley and Elk Rivers.

He came from Augusta County where he lived at a place then called Peverley Manor near Staunton. He was one of three children of John and Margery Sharp who were orphaned in 1750. The land records have several transactions relating to his

holdings. In 1756 he had 115 acres patented to him on both sides of the Middle River of the Shenandoah. In 1769 there was a land grant of 355 acres on the Greenbrier River, in 1787 another 320 acres on the Waters of the Greenbrier, in 1787 another 270 acres on Ewings Creek, in 1791 another 320 acres on Brown's Creek. Some of this land was used to settle his large family on. His will dated in 1826 shows ten children. (This shows three more children than are recorded in Price's History.)

His wife was Mary Meek(s) daughter of John Meek. Their children were: NANCY (Levi Moore Jr.), MARGARET(John Kelly), JOHN(Sarah McCollam), ¹⁷⁷²⁻¹⁸⁶⁰ WILLIAM(Elizabeth Waddell), RACHEL(Jonathan Griffin), MARY(Arthur Grimes), JAMES(Ann Waddell), ANDREW (Nancy Drinnen), REBECCA(Alexander Waddell Jr.), JANE(Mr. McCollam).

John Sharp who married Sarah McCollam owned tracts of land on the west side of Allegheny of 255 acres and 82 acres, also 238 acres on the head of Lewis Lick Run. The family of four girls are as follows: ELLEN(Amaziah Irvine), MARY(Josiah Friel), REBECCA(John Duffield), NANCY(William H. Irvine). This line of Sharps ends here in the county but a descendant of Mary, Ann Dillon of Columbus, Ohio is writing the Grimes family history of Pocahontas.

James Sharp was a member of the court under the old arrangement, was high sheriff and was held in high esteem for his patriotism and strict scrupulous integrity. One story about him needs to be kept alive. He was an avid hunter, not only for sport but as a matter of business. While living at his first home on Cummings Creek, he had a very sensational adventure on Buckley Mountain. One evening while returning home he was passing along when a panther suddenly mounted a log a few yards in front of him. He shot the animal, but when the smoke cleared away another stood in the same place on the log. This performance was repeated nine times when he panicked and ran home. During the night the remainder of the pack followed his trail home and killed a yearling calf. Properly reinforced, he went back to the spot where he had fired nine times and there found nine dead panthers.

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William and Elizabeth had the following family: JAMES (ALTHEA MARTIN), ELIZABETH (Hugh McLaughlin), JANE (James Hanson), WILLIAM (Rachel Dilley), MARY (David Gibson), REBECCA (William D. Moore), ANNA (Alexander Stalnecker), ELLEN (Warwick Stalnecker), MARTHA (Andrew Dilley), ALEXANDER (Mary Dilley), JACOB WARWICK (Elizabeth McNeil), JOHN (Sarah Johnson).

¹⁷⁶²⁻¹⁸⁰⁰ ~~may be~~ William Sharp Jr. There is the romantic tradition that William Jr. met Elizabeth Waddell at the home of Thomas Drinnen at Edray. Thomas had organized a congregation and one of the worshippers was William Jr. who came dressed in a coon-skin cap. When the young lady returned home she made some funny remarks about the homely young man she had seen at the meeting and his furry cap. Her mother said the young chap would probably be calling around the first thing she knew. Sure enough he did come and on a busy wash day. He found the young lady resting up, performing on the spinning wheel in short petticoat, chemise and barefooted. It was love at first sight and they became engaged that very day.

This couple at once settled in the woods near Verdant Valley ^(near Edray) and opened up a fine estate out of a forest noted for the tremendous size of its walnut, red oak, and sugar maple trees and reared a worthy family. He is listed as one of the most substantial and prosperous citizens of the county in its formative period. This Verdant Valley, which few people know of today, was located in the area of the Fairview church and school house. The homestead of William Jr. was very visible during the mid 1900's as the farm of Jacob Sharp, the brother of Dr. Ward Sharp of Russell, Pennsylvania. *A son was William III, 1806-1882*

^{near Edray} John Sharp who married Sarah Johnson and lived at Fairview first, then bought on Jerico Road near Marlinton had the following family: HENRY (Elizabeth Moore), HUGH (Mary Jane Waugh), WILLIAM EWING (Laury Ann Malcomb), MARY (William Frank Dilley), MARTHA JANE (James Wilfong), NANCY ANN (Noah Erving Wilfong), JAMES ALEXANDER (Eleanor Wilfong), DAVID WARWICK (Amanda Beverage), SUSAN (Amziah Irvine).

William Ewing Sharp married Laury Ann Malcomb and lived at Fairview near

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Marlinton. Their family consisted of: MARGARET MATILDA(Charles H. Dilley), PAUL WARWICK(Mary Catherine Sharp), LUTHER(Died at age 2), ROSA ARIZONA(David Early Webster), MARION MCCOY(Della Jackson), DENCY EDWARD(Gosha Underwood). To them Paul Warwick Sharp married his first cousin, Mary Catherine Sharp. They were born eleven children, including a set of twins: CHARLES JACK(Ora Belle Thompson), LANTY JAMES(Mary Vanreenen), MARLIE MATILDA(Cecil Curry), NELLIE ANN(Theodore Vanreenen), HAZEL ELIZABETH(1. Karl Elcessor, 2. _____ Russell), LAYTON EWING(Juanita Remona Tackett), PAULINE CATHERINE(1. Hubert May, 2. _____), OSCAR WARWICK(Margaret Noonan), AUSTIN MCCOY(Fula Mae Underwood), SYLVIA BELL(1. Jack Herman, 2. Robert Schultz, 3. Granville Moore), NINA JUNE(Charles Waybright).

He made his living as a carpenter and as a teamster with lumber companies in the surrounding areas. In later years he settled down to a life of farming on the Jerico Road at Marlinton. As a pastime, he played the fiddle (violin). A number of his children learned to play string music, including the banjo, guitar and the fiddle.

His apple orchards were some of the best. Sunday at his house would find many relatives and friends for dinner, which was usually followed with horse shoe pitching, games, etc.

In his later years he used to sit by the hour with friends spinning yarns of bygone years in hunting, fishing and working in the woods.

Charles Jack Sharp married Ora Belle Thompson and they became the parents of fourteen children: JACK ARNOLD(Margaret Sharp), EARL MILBURN(Mildred Kirkpatrick), LEW WARWICK(Muriel Ann Bates), DEMPSEY THOMPSON(Jeanie Walton), CHARLES HERBERT(Nona Harris), CATHERINE ELIZABETH(Andrew Robert Baechtel), CRAIG ARTHUR(Betty Shinaberry), DONALD JAMES(Mildred Underwood), TOMMY DAVID(Garnett McCoy), PATRICIA WENONA(Joseph Lamoureux), BRENDA CAROL(Marvin Doss), LOUISE KAY(Joseph Roy), LESLIE DOUGLAS(Martha Jean Horner), GLINDA CHARLOTTE(Kenneth Slagle).

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Charles Jack Sharp spent a considerable amount of time during his younger years around logging and lumber operations, since his father was a carpenter and teamster. While attending high school, he worked as a teamster in the summer and attended school in the winter. School at that time was held six months out of the year. He attended West Virginia State Teachers College at Parkersburgh, then taught for nineteen years in the rural schools of Pocahontas County. He was held in high esteem as one who could control students as well as parents in rather rough communities. Places of residences include: the old Jackson place on the Jerico Road, Woodrow, Fairview and the present home at Brownsburg.

He accepted a position with the Farm Bureau during the depression of the 1930's. In 1943 he accepted the position of manager of the Southern States Cooperative Store. After twenty years he took an early retirement due to ill health.

He was also a lover of the outdoors and of his fellow man. There are few people who ever knew him that have been on unfriendly terms. He was an ardent hunter and fisherman. He was a crack shot, winning many prizes in shooting matches. He is one of the best wild turkey and deer hunters that ever walked into the woods. His love for trout fishing will still go on if there is such a thing in the hereafter.

This information was compiled and submitted by Charles Herbert Sharp of Brigham City, Utah with the assistance of Dr. Ward Sharp of Russell, Pennsylvania; Dave Sharp of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Ann Dillon of Columbus, Ohio.)

SLATYFORK

The LUTHER DAVID SHARP Family

of Slatyfork

(Spouses in Parenthesis), "Children in quotes"

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- LUTHER DAVID "LD" SHARP, 1872-1963 (Laura Jane Morgan 1874-1932, daughter of Rev. Samuel Morgan of Edray). (His second marriage was to Mabel Mansford.) 5-20-1134
- His father was SILAS 1842-1899 (Sarah Hannah 1844-1908, daughter of David Hannah), "Melinda, Ella, Luther"--"LD".
- Silas' father: WILLIAM 1815-1888 (Rachael Dilley 1806-1882), "Silas, Hugh 1846-1923, Harman, Luther 16, Bernard, Henry, and Mary Ella 6". "Bernard and Henry died as Civil War soldiers, perhaps on different sides. Family tradition says Henry was shot at Bob Gibson's place by his own (confederate?) men as a spy for the North. Luther, 16, a civilian, was shot by Confederate Jake Simmons. Silas, also a civilian, was captured the same day and marched to a Salisbury, N. C. prison. After 23 months and 24 days he and the other remaining five alive men were exchanged."
- Silas' grandfather: WILLIAM 1772-1860, (Elisabeth Waddell), "William, James, etc."
- Silas' great grandfather: WILLIAM 1740-1833 the pioneer, (Mary Meeks), "Nancy, Margaret, Rachael, Mary, John, and William." He built the first home in Huntersville, was an Indian scout 1773, fought the British in 1781, fought the Indians in Ohio 1761, and rescued their prisoners in Ohio 1764, and a messenger to Gov. Dunmore at Fort Pitt.

"LD's" children were Ada 1894-1956, Baltimore (John Johnson, Will Curtain), "Donald, Helen, Billie, Clara, Stanley"; Violet 1897- (Rufus Markland, Richmond, Vice-President assistant, C & O.), "Rufus"; Ivan 1900-1975, Nitro, attended Wesleyan, a plant foreman, (Genevieve Orndorff, Arbovale), "Ralph, Ramona, Parkersburg, married Tom Shipley, Evan 1940-1975"; Creola 1904-1923; Si of Slatyfork, 1907- , who likes the out-of-doors and is an accomplished painter of wildlife; Paul 1910- , retired personnel director of U.S. Rubber Co. (Vonda Lowe, Katherine Milhollin) Port Neches, Texas, "Thayer 1933, Barbara 1935 married Glenn Smith"; Luther David "Dave" Sharp, Jr. 1916- , Cincinnati, Sylvia E Friel daughter of Dee and Mary Friel, Marlinton), "Linda Dee 1961, married Renny Eduardo". Dave, a Wesleyan graduate, 1939, operated the Slatyfork store, was watchmaker, and as a Certified Gemologist, American Gem Society, operated a jewelry store in Cincinnati.

had a most unique lifetime experience--seeing the development of modern conveniences that we take for granted. He saw his first train at age 12, experienced the exciting development of automobiles, airplanes, radios, telephones, TV, electric refrigerators, medical-surgical advancements, packaged food, electric lights, and the atomic bomb. started merchandising, buying fur and farming at age 12 and became a respected businessman in Pocahontas, running a general store, farming, dealing in wool, ginseng, raising the famous white lynn honey. He was a W. Va. Apiary Inspector, the first master of Slatyfork, 1901, owned a water-powered ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ gristmill, had the first phone in Pocahontas as the line entered Pocahontas from Randolph on the way to Norton 1898-1899. He owned one of the first three cars in the county, a 1914 Studebaker. was the first to import and turn loose Chinese pheasants at Slatyfork. He was a member of the Farmers and Merchant's Bank as well as the Pocahontas County Fair. shed his last deer at 89. He was asked by the American Museum of Natural History to secure a Pocahontas ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ wild turkey nest at hatching time. done May 1906 and the turkeys and nest are still on display. He dearly loved and directed the Slatyfork Methodist choir that was invited to many song festivals in W. Va. and Virginia. He certainly was a credit to Pocahontas County!

ed by Dave Sharp 4171 Paxton Woods Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45209

Dave Sharp

Sent to be
printed in the
Pocahontas History
book

SARAH HANNAH 1847-1908 Married Silas Sharp
Compiled by Dave Sharp 12-15-80

The below lineage is taken from the "Pocahontas County History Book" by William Pirce (1830-1921) --plus family stor~~ies~~ included.

1. David Hannah (Sr.) from Ireland, married a Gibson from Augusta County.
Wife: Elizabeth (?) Practiced medicine---?
2. Joseph Hannah married Elizabeth Burnside and settled in "Old Field Fork of Elk, near "Mill Run" (Mill Run, I believe is near Marvin Hannah's place--?)
3. David Hannah married Mester Sicafoose from Crabbottom. (Virginia?) They became very religious afther their two children died-- Joe and ~~AK~~ Otha of diptheria. Especially after Otha died, recovered after a vision of heaven, telling ~~who~~ he saw there, etc. (Story described elsewhere from a tape recording by L. D. Sharp, and of Allie Gibson

Their children were:

1. Otha (Not in this order)
 2. Joe
 3. Henry
 4. Rev. George Hannah.
 5. Mary, the baby mentioned in Otha's story of a vision, and who married ~~MM~~ Sam Gibson. They had one child named Stella who married a ~~WADE~~ Fisher, father of Rocky Fisher. Mary died and Sam remarried to (Emma -?) *the daughter of Samuel* Born to second marriage was Richard, Henry, Ruth and Archie.
 6. Melinda married John Rose in Webster County. (I believe they lived down Elk River, as Dad when buying furs when 12 years old said he stayed at his annt's house.)
They had a son name Bob Rose. (He visited our home at the old house when I was small) *a daughter, Stella, married Herbert Bonner.*
4. Sarah Hannah (1847-1908) She married Silas Sharp, who was captured as a civilian by the Confederates who were operating in the Slatyfork--Linwood area one year. They considered him a northerner and he spent 23 months and 24 days in prisons in Richmond and Salisbury, N. C. and was then exchanged just before the war endedd
- Their children were: Melinda who married Ellis Hannah
- (1) Melinda: married Ellis Hannah. their children were Eva (Beale), Veo Hannah, (*Jena*) Baxter, Russel Hannah.
 - (2) Ella: married Bob Gibson. She, we are told was named Mary Ella after Sarah's sister Mary. ~~KYK~~ Hannah, or Mary Sharp, sister of Silas. → She died of diptheria at age of about 6 --?
5. -- (3) Luther David Sharp, Sr. who married *1-16-1893* Laura Jane Morgan, daughter of Rev. Samuel Morgan. They were married in the Edray Methodist Church. (Mother, (Laura), lived in the Edray parsonage.
There children were:
- 6..... Ada (Johnson, Curtain); Violet Markladd, Ivan, Greolat, Silas, Paul, and Luther D. Sharp, Jr. (Dave)

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STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS
THE SAME PERSON AS NO. _____

ON CHART NO. _____

*Sarah Hannah
mother of
E.H. Sharp*

1 Sarah Hannah

BORN 12-15-1844

WHERE

WHEN MARRIED

DIED 12-21-1908

WHERE Slaty Fork.

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

Silas Sharp

3-2-1842-10-24-1899

GIVE HERE NAME OF RECORD OR
BOOK WHERE THIS INFORMATION
WAS OBTAINED. REFER TO NAMES
BY NUMBER.

2 David Hannah

BORN

WHERE

WHEN MARRIED 21 Nov. 1843

DIED

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BORN

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** Esther
Hester Zica Fouse
from crabbottom*

4 Joseph Hannah

BORN

WHERE

WHEN MARRIED

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5 Elizabeth Burnsides

BORN

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6 Sampson Zickafoose

BORN

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WHEN MARRIED 1817

DIED

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7 Sarah Simmons

BORN

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*Wm. H. H. H.
* Esther is given as marrying
Hannah in Morten's History
of Highland County p. 357*

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Consolidated

Slatyfork, W. Va. Schools

The fifth school was a four-room brick school known as the "Seneca Trail Consolidated School" It had a gymnasium, a kitchen, furnace and running water !

Ira Brill of the school board promoted the building of this new school which opened in the fall of 1930. That fall we had a powerful football team of well-grown boys which included the Vandevenders, Beales, Hannahs, Wooddells, Gibsons, and Sharp. But, the team didn't have any uniforms. Hillsboro had been a winning team for years. Marlinton was anxious for some one to beat Hillsboro and sent their uniforms over to the Slatyfork school on the Reynolds Bus Line. The word ~~EXX~~ got to us that Hillsboro heard about our extra large team. They called by phone canceling our only game scheduled for the year !

After many years it closed, about the 1950's, and the students were then bused to the Marlinton school.

The first principal of the school was Robert Eades. Other teachers were Paul Sharp (also a principal), Lucille Bright, Louise McNeel the present W. Va. Poet Laureate, Florence Howard, Becky Slavens, Ruth Cunningham, Mr. La Rue, Orda Hill, Hugh Moore, Mable McNeel, Mr. Neil Conrad, Wanda Lee Smith, Deacon Shinnaberry, and Josephine Wooddell.

SAM HANNAH

Footnote: For a period, about 1923, L. D. Sharp and Page Hannah were the Trustees.

It was their duty to hire the teachers.

Slaty Fork School No. 23

EDRAY DISTRICT

Pocahontas Co., West Virginia

April 29, 1927

Submitted by

Dave Sharp

Dave Sharp, Cincinnati



VIOLET LITTLEFIELD,

RUTH CUNNINGHAM,

Teachers

Pupils

UPPER GRADES

Beatrice Shelton	Eva Hannah
Leola Simmons	Cora Hannah
Dorothy Hannah	Porter Hambrick
John Shelton	Kathleen Carter
Frank Carter	Steward McNeely
Arlie Hannah	Donald Johnson
Luther Sharp, Jr.	Verdin McNeely
Sarah Shelton	Mary Francis Cromer
Earl Carter	Ruth Simmons
	Ruby Mitchell

PRIMARY ROOM

Lexie McNeely	Wanietta Bonner
Hubert Bonner	Richard Carter
Joe Carter	Elbert Cromer
Emma Cromer	Lyle Painter
Louise Painter	Arietta Higgins
John Victor, Jr.	Lughvan Victor
William Victor	Norman Hannah
Julian Shelton	Pearl Simmons
	Helen Johnson

Slatyfork Schools --Continued Genevieve Sharp

This is the way I remember the teachers at the Slatyfork School (now the church)

1924-1925 Genevieve Sharp
 1925-1926 Pauline Guyer
 1926-1927 Violet Littlefield and Ruth Cunningham
 1927-1928 Pauline Guyer and Gay Hannah
 1928-1929 Stella Conrad Finch ~~MMH~~ (my sister) and Gaye Hannah--Kerr
 1929 and 1930 Charlise (Charlise) Beverage & Gaye Hannah.
 1930-1931 I believe the history book we just received gives Seneca Trail School the year 1930-1931.

I am not real sure when the two rooms came into existence (partition), But I believe Pauline worked on that the first year she was there and it came to pass that first year she taught or the following year.

I looked it up in the history book and they have it dated 1931-1932 when Seneca Trail started. So I am not sure who taught in 1930-1931 Maybe the Seneca Trail School came that year--1930-1931.

Dave: Doc Hannah taught one year at Slatyfork. It may have been 1923-1924.

Dave: An end of school year, April 29, 1927, Violet Littlefield and Ruth Cunningham gave the students a small booklet for the Slatyfork School #23 Edray District and listed the students. So the above years listed must be correct.

Upper Grades

Beatrice Shelton	Eva Hannah
Leola Simmons	Cora Hannah
Dorothy Hannah	Porter Hambrick
John Shelton	Kathleen Carter
Frank Carter	Steward McNeely
Arlie Hannah	Donald Johnson
Luther Sharp Jr.	Verdin McNeely
Sarah Shelton	Mary Frances Cromer
Earl Carter	Ruth Simmons

Ruby Mitchell

(Teacher Littlefield)

Primary Room

Lexie McNeely	Wanietta Bonner
Hubert Bonner	Richard Carter
Joe Carter	Elbert Cromer
Emma Cromer	Lyle Painter
Louise Pinter	Arietta Higgins
John Victor, Jr.	Lughvan Victor
William Victor	Norman Hannah
Julian Shelton	Pearl Simmons
	Helen Johnson

(Teacher Cunningham)

Dorothy (Hannah) Fitzwater said these teachers taught at the (church) school house: Ruth Moore (her first teacher, also Dave's), Charlie Beverage Stella Fench, Genevieve Sharp, Gaye Hannah, Lila Orndorf Ruth Cunningham, (not necessarily in that order) And Arlene Judy taught at the new brick school--probably it's first year of use?

Frank Hannah said the following taught school at the school that burned: George Bright (Frank's first teacher), Dave Baughman, Emma Howard, Lesslie Judy, Sadie Hannah, Mary Hannah, Eva (Hannah) Beale, Allie Gibson, Jessie Hannah.

E Naomi Pauline Guyer, teacher 1927-28 May 1, 1928 "Year Book". Pupils: 4th grade: Hubert Bonner, Dick Carter, Mary Sage, "Wanetta" Bonner, Mary Frances Cromer, Ray Sage. 5th: Arlie Hannah, Verdin McNeely, Luther Sharp, Jr, Don Johnson, Mattie Sage, Ruth Simmons, Catherine Wilfong; 6th: Porter Hambrick, Steward McNeely, Chas. Smith; 7th: Kathleen Carter, Dorothy Hannah, Cora Hannah, Leola Simmons; 8th: Reta Curr (Kerr) misspelled June 8th, 1928 (Apparently a two-room school. Helen Johnson not mentioned so she must have been in about 3rd grade--? (Edray Sub-district No. 23. Upper Grade Room. Slatyfork)

THE SLATYFORK METHODIST CHURCH

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The first services apparently were held in school ~~houses~~ houses in the 1850s and 1870s.

In the 1900s services were in the now-gone school house beside the Slatyfork creek, and near the present church. The charter members of the church of the recent

75 to 100 years were L. D. Sharp, Sam Gibson, Sam Mannah, etc.

Since about 1920 the present church ~~has~~ held services in the last one-room school house until 1930 when the same school house was turned over to the church, and at which time the school moved into the new brick building.

The members remodeled the church, changing the entrance to the now front, putting a steeple on it and dug a basement for a furnace. Charlie Beale, Ivan Sharp, Oscar Kerr, Eugene Mannah, Frank Mannah and others worked weeks digging the basement.

Harvey Bright, a carpenter-cabinetmaker (also a watchmaker) was engaged in making all the benches etc. for the church.

L. D. Sharp ~~3~~ was superintendent of the Sunday School for many of the years he was a member. Others who were also superintendents were Eugene Mannah, Ivan Sharp, Frank Mannah, etc.

Some of the ministers were Rev. Sam Morgan (1889-1894) (father of L. D. Sharp's wife, Laura.), Rev. Hill, Rev. Powers, Rev. Combs, Rev. Long., Rev. T. H. Taylor, Rev. Clarence Peirson, Rev. Skaggs., Rev. Crawford, Rev. Mitchim, Rev. Gum and Rev. Ezra Bennet.

In the 1930s and 1940s there were 60 to ~~8~~ 70 attending Sunday services. With most of the lumber related jobs gone and many young people moving to the cities, the membership is now small.

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The Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Co.

Since 1899 Pocahontas county has had telephone service. The first line came from Beverly in Randolph county, entering Pocahontas county at Mace. A Dr. Bosworth built the line from Beverly to Marlinton, which was finished in August 1899. Later that same year the line was extended up and down the county. About 1910 the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Co was established. Each stockholder bought a wall phone and paid about \$5 a year or the equivalent in labor. Some non-stockholders paid rent to use their phones. Chestnut poles were set and a single wire was strung between the poles. Charles McGuire, Sam Gibson, Otis Gibson and Jake Hoover were some of the repairmen or linemen. A magnetic generator was cranked to cause all the bells in all the phones on the line to ring. When the receiver was lifted off the phone hook two dry cell batteries began providing the power to carry the audio over the wire. There was a line from Marlinton which terminated at L. D. Sharp's store with 20 phones in between on the line. If you wanted to talk to some one in Marlinton, or a long distance call, you would crank the phone a "short" and a "long" and "central" would answer and connect you with your party. Many times "central" (the operator) would have to repeat every word both ways for a long distance conversation. A "short" was about one turn of the crank. A "long" was about 3 turns of the crank. Central ignored all other rings which were direct calls to neighbors on the immediate line. Each phone had a different arrangement (code) of "longs" and "shorts". If some one wanted to call, for instance, L. D. Sharp, he would crank two "shorts" and two "longs". Others on the line were supposed to not pick up their receivers when the phone rang for some one else. But usually there was one or more listening to the conversation. That is how they heard the "news" .! There were many 4-way, or more, conversations. Mr. Sharp said a man came in the store in 1899 and heard him talking on the phone to George P. Moore at Edray and asked him if the wire was hollow to carry the voice ! Apparently the phone was an exciting thing and it was used for amusement sometimes. Mr. Sharp said he and a preacher at Edray sang a song together 12 miles apart, Mr. Sharp singing tenor and the preacher soprano. There are many interesting pranks and stories about this 20-party line that is not printed.

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Let to ...

Notes on the Elk telephone system --- by Raymond Price.

(Concurred by Lave Sharp)

According to Price's History of Pocahontas County, the first telephone line was completed between Beverly and Marlinton in August, 1899. This was known as the Bosworth line and was the first telephone line in the county. I do not know the name of the promoter and builder, except that he was a member of the prominent Bosworth family living in the Huttonsville-Beverly area.

Apparently the Bosworth line lasted only fifteen or twenty years, and perhaps not that long. ^{Must have been earlier} Probably during World War I or shortly afterwards another telephone line was constructed. This was, I believe, known as the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Company. It consisted of a single wire strung between chestnut poles. Part of the telephone owners using this line were renters and part were stockholders. During the 1920's Susie Gibson, Frank's aunt, left Elk and moved to Marlinton. We bought her share in the telephone company. My grandfather Sam Rider owned a telephone but he was a renter. It is my impression that the telephone line extended no farther than L. D. Sharp's place. Charlie Bentle had a telephone, but anyone who desired to talk to him from Elk had to have his call routed by way of Cass and then to Linwood. Vee Hannah would probably know this.

The old telephone line gradually fell apart, and service was impossible. In the late 1920's, sometime after Rt. 219 was completed, a move was made to re-organize the company and build a new line. There were to be no renters. Anyone wishing to have a telephone had to be part of the company. A family could have a telephone by contributing labor or money. My father contributed labor. The line was a single wire strung between chestnut poles. A lineman or troubleshooter was appointed at the stockholders' meeting. I remember that Jake Hoover was lineman for a time, and I believe Charles McGuire was also a troubleshooter or repairman a one time.

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Jim Baer owned "central" on the exchange at Marlinton. Any call through another system had to be switched by the Marlinton exchange. At one time there were two Elk telephone lines. On the Marlinton side of

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The Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Co.

Listed below are the "rings" (or codes) of the subscribers that were called "longs" and "shorts". L. D. Sharp's ring was two shorts and two longs. It was first used at the old home place and later transferred to the store building when it was built. Ivan Sharp who lived at the big house used two longs and two shorts.

Central - Telephone Operator

L. D. Sharp	---	Lake Reed	---
Ivan Sharp (Hugh Sharp)	---	Charlie McGuire	---
Gene Hannah Coal Scales	---	Willie Gibson	---
Seneca Trail School	---	Roy Shearer	---
Wanless (salon)	---	Amos Gay	---
Leu Gibson	---	Nellie Mace	---
Lee Hannah	---	Jake Hoover	---
Sam M. Gibson	---	Helen Hannah	---
Sam D. Hannah	---	D	---
Veo Hannah	---		
Clark Hannah	---		
Fred Mullenax	---		

Raymond Mace furnished the following "rings":

Marlinton (Central)	---	Robert Gibson	---
Davis Mace	---	Sam Rider	---
Harry Varner	---	Hugh Hannah	---
Harry Shelton	---	William Hannah	---
Malinda Hannah	---	William Varner	---
J. A. Gibson	---	Dock Gibson	---
James Gibson	---		
Lottie Gibson	---		
Luther Sharp	---	John Saughman	---
Slatyfork	---	He must have been on the Elk "Short" line as he lived at Marlinton	

P.S.
Violet Sharpe



Elk Mountain there was a line known as the Short Elk Line. A telephone owner on our side of Elk Mountain had to use Central to talk to people on the other side. I believe the short line was used by people in the Edray part of the county. I am not sure whether the Short Elk Line existed after the new line was built in the late 1930's.

In the late 1930's the Federal Government became more interested in the Elk area, and a sub-camp of the C. C. C. was established across the river from us, on the spot where Floyd Gallford once lived. Then it was decided to rebuild the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone system, with the government furnishing the material and labor. Consequently, a new line was built. New poles were erected and a double line was strung between them. Some years later, perhaps in the 1950's, the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company took over telephone communication on Elk.

Telephone rates on the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone service were cheap. If I remember correctly, the yearly telephone dues were four or five dollars. I am fairly sure they never reached ten dollars. Even then, there were some people who had to be sued or threatened before they would pay the telephone bill. Also, it must be added, free calls were discouraged. If a stranger stopped at a man's house to call for help in getting his automobile started, he was supposed to pay for the call. I believe it was a dime. I doubt that most people ever collected. It just would not be neighborly.

Here is a list of calls or "rings" from a paper I found among my mother's things.

Davis Mace _____	Robert Gibson _____
Harry Vanner _____	Sam Rider _____
Harry Shelton _____	Hugh Hannah _____
Malinda Hannah _____	William Hannah _____
J. A. Gibson _____	William Vanner _____
John Baughman _____	Dock Gibson _____
James Gibson _____	Willie Gibson _____
Lottie Gibson _____	Marlinton _____
Luther Sharp _____	
Slaty Fork _____	

must have
been on
short Elk line
the line at
Marlinton

If I remember correctly, "Central" ring was changed in later years
(maybe?)

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I am not sure which period of time is represented by the "nings" I have typed here. It must have been early in the 1920's. Hugh Hannah has been gone from Elk a long time. Perhaps he was part of the Short Elk system. Also, William Hannah has been dead since the 1920's. His name could have been kept on the list of subscribers, however. I am puzzled a bit. Something else puzzles me. Sam Hannah and Sam Gibson were not included in the list. Both families had telephones. Sam Gibson's "ning" was _____. Sam Hannah's number was _____. In the very early 1920's Page Hannah had a telephone, but I don't remember his number.

Sometimes a telephone owner would let his batteries run down. This would prevent him from getting a message to whomever he called. Then some good soul would relay his message. Someone was always listening. At times there were four-way conversations taking place. On occasion a tree would fall on the line, or the line would get on the ground. This always caused problems. A bad telephone would poison the whole system. An incident during the 1930's is worth mentioning. People's telephones all up and down Elk were ringing at intervals, but nobody could be heard talking. For a few hours on a day or so people ran themselves ragged answering their phones, only to find no one there. Lee Hannah told me that he informed Jennie that ~~Sam~~ Gibson was drunk again and was using the telephone. ~~Sam~~ did get that way once in a dozen years or so, but this time he was innocent. After a thorough search for the trouble, it was located on Lake Reed's - (Jake Gibson's farm) place. It was summer time and a power line which was just barely above the telephone line got warm and expanded, dropping just enough to touch the telephone line when the wind blew or when the line got a bit warmer.

Here is more information which I copied from The Pocahontas Times,
January 1, 1914.

ably → The directors of the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Company met
Saturday. The officers are L. D. Sharp, president; S. Mc Dilley, vice-
president and general manager; J. D. Gibson, secretary and treasurer. The
most important business transacted was the cutting out of free phones
after January 1; the extending of the short line wire down Elk whenever
the extension of the company's business justifies it; the cooperation of the
different mutual companies entering the Marlinton switchboard will be asked
in order to install two phones, one in the C. & O. station and the other in
the freight office".

This would seem to indicate that the old Bosworth line had been replaced
by the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone line sometime before.

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Our Pocahontas Col Country Doctors

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Dr. Cameron of Mace was a typical country doctor and he had perhaps the only Stanley Steamer car in the county. About 1934 my brother, Si, asked me if I wanted to go to Dr. Cameron with him for a check-up. Near the end of Si's check-up Dr. Cameron picked up his only and obviously many-time used wooden tongue depressor, and before Si could react, Dr. Cameron used it to examine his throat ! Half the stick was very dirty from holding it in his hand. The other end was clean from many previous tongues ! Dr. Cameron glanced at me and asked if I wanted him to check my throat. I promptly declined. He showed us some bent glass tubing fitted into bottles etc. and to a source of heat that he invented to use steam to cure T. B. in lungs. He said the steam would kill the germs but he hadn't solved the problem of injury to the patient ! Maude Hall of Mingo said he told many unique stories including this one. Dr. Cameron made a house-call and when he found the patient in severe pain he decided to operate to see what was wrong. He opened the abdomen and found the gut separated. He asked for a peeled potatoe and a needle and thread. He slipped the potatoe in the gut to hold it round so he could see around the tear cleanly. With the gut sewed back like new, he slipped the potatoe to one side and crushed it with a squeeze of his hand so it would "pass on through". He said the patient had a good recovery !

Dr. Jim Price was "Mr. Pocahontas County Doctor". He had a typical country doctor's office right in town. After examining a patient he issued whatever pills or liquid medicine needed from one of the hundreds of bottles, jars etc. setting on tables, shelves and the floor. There was a pathway through bottles and jars on the floor from the door to his consultation desk. Vonda Sharp received an "A" on her college assignment when she wrote a loving account of Dr. Jim and his office. During the depression when banks were closing all over the country, it was reported that Dr. Jim, in order that his bank could be strong if there would be a "run on the bank", got a leather bag and rode to Washington, D. C. with some bonds and brought back about \$60,000 of paper money in a bag. The bank emerged from the great depression in great shape.

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Dr. Cofer, the Slatyfork doctor about 1926 gave \$5 to the student who memorized the most Bible verses during the year. The teacher reported to him that Donald Johnson won it and he was given the money the last day of school. Donald carefully hid the \$5 under his bed till the County Fair opened that summer. He took his \$5 with him. His grandfather, L. D. Sharp, asked him about his \$5. Donald said he lost it all on those gambling wheels!! Later, Donald, while riding a bicycle near the company store, ran into the back ~~of~~ of the walking Dr. Cofer and blew out a tire, with no injury to Dr. Cofer. Dr. Cofer also removed glass from Donald's face, arms, and legs when Donald put a match in a bottle of gunpowder!

Other doctors at Slatyfork ^{near} was Dr. Cox and Dr. ~~Styers~~ Styers who had the first motorcycle in the area. A picture of the motorcycle exists.

Another noted doctor was Dr. ~~Kenny~~ Norman Price who ran a foot race with an Englishman from Randolph county to Marlinton, which story is printed elsewhere in this book.

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Editor: You may edit, correct spelling, grammar and remove any items you think uninteresting.

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The Great Practical Joke in Reverse !

Slatyfork 1914

Rachael

Hugh Sharp, a bachelor, who lived at Slatyfork had Mrs. Showalter doing the house-keeping and a man named Taylor Ramsey doing some farming on the place. Hugh loved his several hives of bees he kept inside his yard fence. Bee hunting was his sport. With honey in his glass bee-trap he would go into the woods until he found a tree with bees. He seldom cut the tree, but carved his initials on it to indicate that it was his tree. He worked with ^{his} bees without a veil over his face and claimed they never ever stung him. If they did he wouldn't admit it. Every evening after supper he would always take a stroll past his hives to enjoy seeing them work. The two staying there decided to play a practical joke on him so they secured a "patented" snake that looked just like a real snake and placed it at the mouth of one of the hives in a manner that looked like it was eating his bees. This day Hugh took his stroll and he noticed the snake a few hives up the row. He backed up and got a stick and slipped up on it with his stick raised. He suddenly realized it was a fake snake and knew that they were watching him. He did some quick thinking. He proceeded to turn around toward the house without looking up and after a quick "preparation" ^{or} he did a wee-wee on the ground. Well, that turned the practical joke around on them, as he knew they wouldn't tease him about the snake eating his bees ! And they didn't .

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Editor: you may edit the story for Topical History. ~~xxx~~ To shorten it you might leave out about his bee hunting. Correct any grammar. (Hugh Sharp was born in 1846.)

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